

**TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
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**In Opposition To House Bill 6561
AAC SALES TAXES PAID BY BUSINESSES**

This bill would allow businesses to be exempt from the requirement to pay sales taxes electronically if they can demonstrate that the requirement to pay by electronic funds transfer is a hardship due to lack of access to technology, knowledge or security concerns.

This would be a step backwards from improving the operational efficiency of government tax collections. The requirement to pay a tax electronically is not an undue hardship on a taxpayer capable of conducting a business.

I respectfully request that you take no action on this bill.

Thank you for consideration of this testimony. If you have any questions, please submit them to my office and they will be promptly answered.